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NEW FACTORIES, HOUSES TO BE BUILT IN CROATIA;  
COAL PLANS EXTENDED

CROATIA PLANS HEAVY BUILDING SEASON -- Borba, No 74, 28 Mar 49

Much more construction will be done in Croatia this year than in 1948. Over 900 buildings will be put up on farms. Many large industrial plants will be built, including an ironworks at Caprag, industrial buildings at the "Djuro Djakovic" Factory, the "Jugovinil" (Yugoslav vinyl) Factory, and a hydroelectric power plant at Vinodol.

The ironworks at Caprag is to be finished next year, but a part of the plant will begin production in September 1949.

The "Jugovinil" Factory, which will begin operations in October 1949, will produce chemical fertilizers and many important consumer goods.

The hydroelectric power plant at Vinodol will supply power to many factories nearby.

Hundreds of housing units for workers, including many apartments for miners in the Podlabin and other coal fields, will be built.

About 7 million tons of assorted building materials will be used this year. Much of it has already been distributed to the various building sites. Transport was arranged for the winter months, when the railroads were less burdened.

NEW METAL PRODUCTS IN CROATIAN PLANTS -- Borba, No 79, 3 Apr 49

The "Marko Orešković" Metal Products Factory in Croatia fulfilled its production plan for the first quarter of 1949 by 126 percent in quantity and 122 percent in volume. The independent production of semifinished products, from which a large pro-

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portion of the forged items are made, contributed to the fulfillment of the plan.

The "Me-Ba" Metal Products Factory in Croatia, which fulfilled its plan for the quarter 3 days ahead of schedule, is making many products this year never manufactured before in Yugoslavia. Distributors for tractor engines made at this factory have put many tractors back into service.

The "Sila" Iron Foundry in Croatia, which had fulfilled its 3-months' plan by 119 percent on 28 March, last year did little but repair various kinds of machinery. This year it is serially producing machinery for making bricks and Diesel engines, which were never made in Yugoslavia before the war.

#### SERBIAN COAL FIELD TOPS PLAN -- Borba, No 81, 5 Apr 49

The workers' collectives of the mines of the Kostolac coal field in Serbia fulfilled their 3-months' production plan by 106.89 percent. The mines of this field have been exceeding their plan constantly since the beginning of the year. They met their January plan 102.24 percent and their February plan 112.42 percent.

Immediately after the brigade system of labor was adopted at the end of 1948, the mines began to achieve good results. The norms have been raised several times since.

Good mechanization in the Stari Kostolac mine contributed to the increase in production there. A shock worker at the mine built and perfected an improved machine for cutting the coal face. It has a solid foundation which is mounted on rails, while its head is movable, so that it can cut on one side one moment and on the other the next, without moving the machine. Because of this machine, the Stari Kostolac mine fulfilled its March plan by 112.8 percent, although it was 12 percent greater than the plan for March 1948.

The Klanovnik mine, which always failed to meet its plans last year, now exceeds them regularly every month. It exceeded its plan for the first quarter of 1949 by 4.31 percent.

The Goleš magnesite mine in Serbia fulfilled its 3-months' production plan for raw ore 19 days ahead of schedule and for roasted ore on 31 March.

#### BOSNIAN COAL MINE ACHIEVES FIRST SUCCESS -- Borba, No 79, 3 Apr 49

On 30 March the Kakanj coal mine in Bosnia fulfilled its 3-months' plan. This is the first time since 1947 that the mine has met its plan.

During December 1948 the mine had a 30-percent shortage of manpower. In January each miner pledged to bring in a new miner, especially pit workers, from his own village or district. (The miner recruited 80 miners, all of whom work in the pit. The shortage of skilled workers was solved by replacing skilled workers with old and experienced miners, who are now able to perform their new duties satisfactorily. Through more efficient use of manpower and with the help of brigades of volunteers from the People's Front, the labor shortage was virtually solved.

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A special basin was constructed to catch the coal that otherwise would have been lost in washing. A process was devised at the separation plant whereby refuse could be utilized and production raised to about 100 tons of coal per day.

**SRECAN COAL FIELD BEATS PLAN -- Borba, No 79, 3 Apr 49**

Four mines of the Timok coal field, the Vrska Cuka, Bogovina, Dobra Sreca, and Soko Brown Coal mines, fulfilled their production plans ahead of schedule as the result of the prompt completion of preliminary work, good labor organization, and prompt recruiting of manpower. All these mines work entirely by the brigade system.

In the Dobra Sreca mine, special 250-kilogram coal cars are used instead of wooden wheelbarrows to transport coal in the pit. The coal cars, easier to push, unload automatically.

**LEAD AND ZINC MINE GUARANTEES LABOR SUPPLY -- Borba, No 79, 3 Apr 49**

The Zletovo lead and zinc mines in Macedonia had, by 27 March, exceeded their plan for the first quarter of 1949 by 25.5 percent for ore and 13 percent for lead concentrate.

To prevent labor shortages, the management has opened a market at Kriva Palanka to assure regular supplies to workers' families in the area. Thus far 120 contracts have been signed with miners, ten with miners' helpers, and 500 with drivers, to assure a labor supply during the summer.

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